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DDA 76-5676

12 November 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Operations  
FROM : John F. Blake  
Deputy Director for Administration

Ted:

1. I write in connection with your 4 November 1976 memorandum to me (D/O 76-8281) on "Security of Sensitive Information". I have some reason to believe that, based on recent discussions between mutual representatives of ours, the task you ask of us in the referent memorandum may not now necessarily be valid. While we are willing to undertake the study you request and present you with our assessment, I thought it might be in order that you take one more look and let me know if the totality of the undertaking is still what you desire.

2. It goes without saying that we will be as helpful as possible on what ever you would like.

*JS/John*  
John F. Blake

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM: Theodore G. Shackley  
Associate Deputy Director for Operations

SUBJECT: Security of Sensitive Information

1. Implementation of the new General Accounting System (GAS) has brought to our attention the need to reassess the security of the Agency-wide data systems. In view of the technical advances which are being made through GAS and other systems, it appears that a greater level of detail and greater mechanical manipulation of detail regarding operational data may possibly be providing security problems.

2. In order that the DDO and I may be assured that we are carrying out our responsibilities for the security of highly sensitive data, I respectfully request that you provide me with your assessment of the security arrangements which now exist concerning the true names of the officers under cover, the true names or cryptonyms of financial and/or personnel transactions concerning agents, liaison services, and transactions involving other sensitive operations.

3. I am particularly concerned with steps which might be necessary to either limit the input of sensitive data to systems not under complete DDO control or to establish DDO control of systems which require such information.

4. I recognize this is a broad and difficult subject but recent experiences with Congressional investigations and other related matters make it appropriate that we take steps to insure that data systems for management purposes have effective security. Your attention to this matter is most appreciated.

  
Theodore G. Shackley

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Obviously, we must be responsive. However, I think Ted has been given lousy advice. DDO has lots of problems - GAS is one of the lesser ones.

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